

CLAIM

We Claim:

1. Process for manufacture of an attrition resistant
5 vanadium/phosphorous oxide catalyst comprising the steps of:
 - a) forming a slurry comprising;
 - iv) vanadium/phosphorous oxide catalyst or vanadium/
phosphorous oxide catalyst precursor particles,
 - v) aqueous H_3PO_4 solution, and
 - 10 vi) optionally an aqueous colloidal silica sol, an aqueous
polysilicic acid solution or mixture thereof;
 - b) spray drying the slurry from step (a) to form attrition resistant catalyst
precursor solids; and
 - c) calcining the spray dried solids of step (b) to produce attrition
15 resistant catalyst.